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JEFFERSON MAINTAINS NUMBER ONE SPOT

Indiana's 2002 burley tobacco production, at 8.00 million pounds, was 15 percent below 2001. Tobacco acreage, at 4,000, was down 5 percent from 2001. The average yield per acre was 2,000 pounds, down 250 pounds from a year earlier.

Jefferson county continues to be the state's leader in total tobacco

production with 2,010,000 pounds, followed by Switzerland county with 1,695,000 pounds.

The 2002 county figures are preliminary and reflect marketings adjusted for carryover and do not include unharvested or destroyed poundage.



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TOBACCO: ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION BY COUNTY INDIANA, 2001 - 2002

District and County	2001			2002		
	Harvested Acres	Yield	Production	Harvested Acres	Yield	Production
		<u>Lbs</u>	<u>(000) Lbs</u>		<u>Lbs</u>	<u>(000) Lbs</u>
<u>Southwest</u>						
Spencer	210	2,285	480	200	2,290	458
<u>South Central</u>						
Harrison	330	2,125	701	292	1,895	553
Washington	155	2,210	342	132	1,810	239
<u>Southeast</u>						
Clark	305	2,470	753	291	1,975	574
Dearborn	180	2,145	386	161	1,875	302
Franklin	215	2,145	462	185	1,775	329
Jefferson	975	2,250	2,194	978	2,055	2,010
Jennings	100	2,180	218	98	2,040	200
Ohio	220	2,245	494	215	2,010	433
Ripley	220	2,215	487	215	2,000	430
Scott	100	2,175	217	97	1,975	192
Switzerland	860	2,325	1,999	840	2,020	1,695
Other Counties ^{1/}	330	2,173	717	296	1,981	586
STATE	4,200	2,250	9,450 ^{2/}	4,000	2,000	8,000 ^{2/}

^{1/} Combined with other counties. Other Counties include: Bartholomew, Brown, Crawford, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Greene, Jackson, Johnson, Lawrence, Orange, Owen, Perry, Rush, Union, and Warrick.

^{2/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 16 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in April 2003. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of April 6-12, 2003 totaled 50,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.99.

There were 938,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2003, down 13 percent from a year ago. There were 781,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 157,000 workers.

Farm operators nationwide paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.16 per hour during the April 2003 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.40 per hour, up 34 cents from last April. Livestock workers earned \$8.75 per hour compared with \$8.43 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.49 was up 34 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 40.2 hours a year ago.

**HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES
EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2002-2003 1/ 2/**

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	43	50	890	781
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	31	38	722	619
149 Days or Less	12	12	168	162
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	34.0	36.9	40.2	40.1
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	8.59	9.29	8.06	8.40
Livestock	8.90	9.32	8.43	8.75
Field & Livestock	8.70	9.30	8.15	8.49
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.23	9.99	8.83	9.16

1/ Reference weeks were April 6-12 in 2003 and April 7-13 in 2002. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

2/ Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.



APRIL EGG PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 503 million eggs during April 2003, 4 percent above a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.0 million, was slightly below last month but 4 percent above last year. The rate of lay at 2,188 eggs per 100 layers was slightly above last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.9 million egg-type chicks during April, down 8 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-April 2003 was 19.2 million, down 6 percent from the same period of 2002.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during April 2003, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2003 averaged 336 million, down slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,123 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2002.

**EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS
INDIANA AND U.S., APRIL 2002-2003**

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	22,155	22,987	104	336,776	335,807	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,180	2,188	100	2,110	2,123	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	483	503	104	7,105	7,129	100
Table Eggs (millions)	471	490	104	6,016	6,046	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	13	108	1,089	1,083	99
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,339	4,893	92	38,088	37,531	99
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	765,415	761,145	99

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 5 POINTS

The May 2003 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 96 (1991=100) was up 5 points from April's revised level and up 16 points from May 2002. The mid-month price for eggs decreased from last month. The mid-May price for corn, soybeans, wheat, all hogs, and all milk increased from April.

Commodities for which the mid-month price decreased from the previous year include winter wheat, and all milk. The

mid-month price for corn, soybeans, all hogs and eggs increased from the May 2002 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 75 was up 2 points from last month's revised index and 6 points above May 2002. The Crop Price Index of 109 was up 6 points from the revised index a month ago and 23 points above May last year.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -- INDIANA AND UNITED STATES MAY 2003 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		May 2002	April 2003	May 15 2003	May 2002	April 2003	May 15 2003
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.05	2.48	2.52	1.93	2.34	2.44
Soybeans	Bu.	4.79	5.93	6.33	4.64	5.82	6.19
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.88	3.03	3.39	2.73	3.19	3.32
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.99	1.99	1.96
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	103.00	94.50	99.20
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	108.00	96.20	102.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	79.20	86.40	87.30
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.215	.234	.218
All Hogs	Cwt.	32.90	35.10	40.40	33.20	34.80	40.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	33.60	35.70	41.20	33.60	35.30	41.10
Sows	Cwt.	26.00	29.50	32.00	23.50	26.00	29.20
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	65.10	74.60	74.90
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1250.00	3/	3/	1300.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	12.30	10.50	10.60	12.10	11.00	11.10
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.30	10.60	4/	12.10	11.10	11.10
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.90	9.30	4/	11.10	9.90	10.00
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.380	.530	.400	.301	.520	.397
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.358	.351	.344

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise.

2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

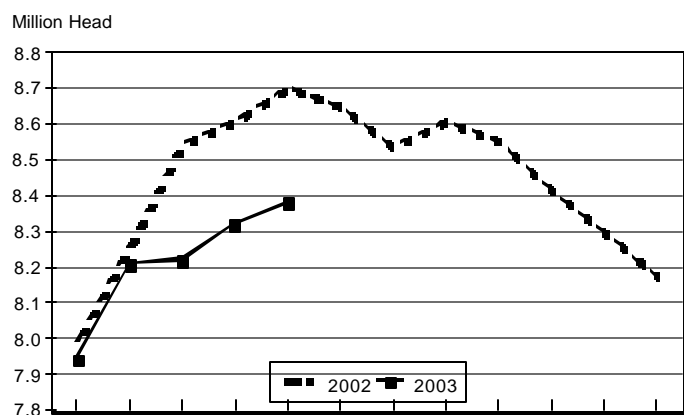
APRIL PIG CROP DOWN 4 PERCENT

The April 2003 U.S. pig crop at 8.38 million head, was 4 percent below the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 944 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average pigs per litter for April increased to 8.88, compared to 8.85 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on May 1, 2003, was 5.80 million head, down 3 percent from May 1, 2002.

U.S. sows and gilts bred during April totaled 1.15 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year.

U.S. Monthly Pig Crop



INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during April 2003 totaled 120.6 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The total live weight of the 3,300 cattle slaughtered during April was 3.4 million pounds. The 500 calves slaughtered during April 2003 totaled 62,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 599,300 hogs killed totaled 157.3 million pounds. The 4,300 sheep slaughtered during April 2003 totaled 436,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during April 2003 totaled 3.85 billion pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from 2002. The average

live weight was 1,209 pounds, down 18 pounds from April a year ago. Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,300 head, down 3 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 9 pounds from April a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 1 percent below April 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 19.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from April 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 295,600 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 5 pounds from April a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	April		Jan - Apr		April		Jan - April	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<u>Cattle</u>								
Number of Head (000)	2.8	3.3	13.0	13.7	2,948.7	2,966.2	11,359.0	11,317.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,046	1,053	1,062	1,054	1,227	1,209	1,246	1,243
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2,977	3,448	13,805	14,440	3,618,825	3,586,198	14,152,027	14,058,032
<u>Calves</u>								
Number of Head (000)	2.1	0.5	14.7	3.1	82.1	79.3	320.5	341.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	347	127	330	125	327	336	325	323
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	742	62	4,845	386	26,876	26,677	103,997	110,204
<u>Hogs</u>								
Number of Head (000)	592.5	599.3	2,306.9	2,320.1	8,425.3	8,333.5	32,573.6	32,953.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	262	262	262	262	267	268	267	267
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	155,413	157,272	604,426	608,491	2,253,148	2,231,821	8,704,125	8,814,567
<u>Sheep</u>								
Number of Head (000)	3.0	4.3	10.8	10.4	278.9	295.6	1,119.1	1,022.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	108	100	103	110	137	132	138	134
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	329	436	1,114	1,140	38,343	38,868	154,331	137,007

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

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